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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1998

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Father Paul E. Lavin, St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill Church, Washington, DC.

We are glad to have you with us.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Paul E. Lavin, offered the following prayer:

A reading from the Psalms of David.  
*Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with song.*

*Know the Lord is God; He made us, His we are; His people, the flock He tends.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him; bless His Name.*

*For He is good; the Lord, whose kindness endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.—Psalm 100.*

Almighty and eternal God, You have revealed Your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through Your authority is rightly administered, laws enacted, and judgment decreed. Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct the men and women of the Senate and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government. May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness, and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

We also pray for all the citizens of the United States, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your holy law. May we be preserved in union and that

peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. We pray to You who are Lord and God, forever and ever. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT from Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this afternoon there will be a period for morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin debate on a motion to proceed to the property rights bill. At 5:45, under a previous order, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the private property rights bill. Following that vote, the Senate will consider any legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

For the remainder of this week, the Senate will attempt to complete action on the private property rights bill, finish several appropriations bills, including agriculture appropriations, the HUD/VA appropriations bill is a possibility, and hopefully the legislative appropriations bill. We could also begin consideration of the credit union bill, and we are also looking at when we will begin and how we will debate and consider the Patients' Bill of Rights. We have some Internet bills that we are trying to get cleared so that we can

consider those under a short time agreement.

Also, as a reminder, on Wednesday, July 15, at 10 a.m., there will be a joint meeting of Congress to receive the address from the President of Romania.

So we have a good bit of work that we need to do this week, as usual. The focus will be on appropriations bills throughout most of the week, turning late in the week or early next week to the Patients' Bill of Rights or the credit union bill.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

I observe the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, is the Senate in morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in morning business, under the previous order, until 2 p.m., and Senators are permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to just talk briefly about two

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